

COUNCIL BRIEFS

December 1, 2017

Holiday Gift Card Giving: The Social Services Office is collecting \$25 gift cards from stores such as Target and Wal-Mart now through December 15, 2017. The gift cards will be distributed to low income parents at the annual holiday party on December 19. The gift cards allow parents to tailor their presents to their child's interests. Gift cards may be dropped off in Room 306, Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM. For more information, call 561-7561.

Express Your Holiday Spirit of Giving: Help Elmwood Senior Center stuff its Elmwood Express bus with gifts for Toys for Tots. Please bring an unwrapped toy to the senior center anytime from now through December 11th.

Bottle Redemption donations continue in December for the Park Road Parade: Keep those bottle returns coming through the end of December! Bring your cans and bottles to ShopRite of West Hartford, 46 Kane Street, for recycling and donate the nickel refund to the Park Road Parade. At the kiosk, simply push the 'donate' button. ShopRite will present a check to the Park Road Association representing a grand total of all the bottle returns donated by store patrons to benefit the annual parade.

Inspiring Equity through Community Conversations exhibit: "We All Have a Story to Tell" exhibit will showcase the stories of a diverse, cross-section of community members who are inspiring equity in West Hartford on December 14 and 16, 6:30-8:30 PM, at the Town Hall Auditorium. With the use of 'Live Portrait' app on mobile devices, you can see and hear the gallery images come alive. A companion book of the still photographs will also be available for purchase. For more information, contact Michelle Lacroix at michelle_lacroix@whps.org

Motor vehicle appeals: The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet on Wednesday, December 6, 5:00-7:00 PM, and Saturday, December 9, 9:00-11:00 AM, in Room 142, to

hear motor vehicle appeals on a first-come, first-serve basis. Click here for the [application](#).

DPW's Winter Tips: With the winter weather upon us, Public Works offers a few tips to help prevent property damage and keep roads safe before the first snow arrives.

- * Accidents can be prevented by cleaning off catch basin tops near your home to allow melted snow to flow off the street and into the drain.

- * Install reflective stakes to identify property edges and driveways to prevent plow damage.

- * Reinforce roadside mailboxes with protective shields and arrange for a seasonal inspection for durability. Reinforce your mailbox to prevent damage from snow cast.

For more snow operations information, [visit our webpage](#).

Decorating the Center and the Square: West Hartford Central Business District is decked out with snowflakes, garlands, lights, planters, banners to ring in the holiday season. Labor and materials were sponsored by Blue Back Square/Starwood Retail Partners, Kaoud Family, West Hartford Center Merchants Association and the Public Works Department.

The Parking Division supported the costs for Public Works staff members to decorate light poles and arrange the holiday planters. Take a stroll through the center and enjoy the season.

Holiday Stroll, tonight, 5:00-8:00 PM: Join us for the annual Holiday Stroll tonight, Dec. 1st, 5:00-8:00 PM, in West Hartford Center and Blue Back Square. There will be a special tree lighting, live music from local school groups performing holiday classics, visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus, strolling Victorian Carolers, face painting, photo booth fun, food sampling, ballerinas from The Nutcracker, music and dancing, a Festival of Trees at First Church of Chris and so much more!

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